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REMARKS

1. One biplane and six silver-gray jet aircraft were parked on the southern edge of the Grossenhain (N 52/A 01) airfield on 20 November 1950.

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There was no flying. About 6 p.m. two rotating searchlights were seen, one east of the landing field, about midway between the Grossenhain-Cottbus (N 52/A 57) railroad line and Adelsdorf (N 52/A 01), and the other on the landing field, about 30 meters south of the center of the N-SE runway. (2)

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2. On 21 November, eight jet aircraft

were parked on the southern edge of the field. At about 12:30 p.m., from a distance of about 300 meters, a jet plane was observed taking off between the railroad kilometer marks 3.0 and 3.2. Eight men, including three officers stood near the plane on the large runway and several trucks including three regular tank trucks were about 100 meters southwest of the plane. One tank truck moved toward the runway and stopped about 8 meters in front of the plane. A hose was then attached to the plane while the eight men went to the mid-fuselage behind the wings. About 5 minutes later, the truck returned to its former position. An officer and two EM climbed on the wings and together opened the hinged cabin hood from the rear. The officer got into the cabin and the two EM closed the hood again. It then took two more minutes before the plane took off. The plane left the ground about halfway down the runway, using about 1,000 meters for take-off. Passenger car and truck were seen at the field.

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3. Eight jet aircraft were parked on the southern edge of the field on 22 November. They had the same numbers as the jet planes seen there on 21 November. (3) There was no flying on the 21st, 23d, the 26th and 28th because of bad weather, nor the 28th.

4. At about 6 p.m. on 29 November, the furniture of a senior lieutenant, who was assigned to the field, was carried from No 7, Karl Liebknechtstrasse, by soldiers, then trucked to the field and loaded on a railroad car. (4)

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5. There was flying on 2 December. Eight jet aircraft [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] were at the usual parking site on the southern edge of the field. (3) Five more jet planes were on the large runway [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] The jet planes with the numbers 02 and 08, took off after being refueled near the large runway. Twelve tank trucks were parked on the southern edge of the landing field. 25X1

6. Prior to 2 December, a radio truck was on the southern edge of the landing field, between railroad kilometer marks 3.2 and 5.5. The radio truck had a window on each side of the square body and an antenna on top of the front section. The antenna was about 4 meters high and its upper end was tilted to the rear. After 2 December, the radio truck was replaced by a wooden antenna mast about 6 meters high. The antenna mast was connected by a wire with a 2-meter iron rod on top of the guardhouse.

7. Four Soviet soldiers armed with submachine guns were seen in a trench along the railroad line on 21 November. They thoroughly observed each passer-by. The same guard was seen each time the jet aircraft practiced flying.

8. On 29 November, a radar set with ears was seen on the Spittelberg, north of the field. Two supports, which were equipped with dipoles, were parallel to the runway. (5) At 11 a.m., dismantling work was being done on a radio installation located west of Volborn, with a radio truck, in the extension of the runway. (6) A small, temporary building was being erected about 50 meters farther west. A radio installation consisting of four 2-meter masts and a tent with a rod antenna was set up in the extension of the runway, about 300 meters west of the highway 101. (7) A radio truck with a 15-meter mast was near the former playyard north of Grossenhain and 250 meters west of highway 101. Several two-wire lines led from the buildings of the glue factory to the airfield buildings east of the Berlin highway. (8)

Comments.

(1) The information confirms the occupation of the field by Mig-15 jet aircraft. To date, a total of 42 aircraft numbers have been observed. [redacted]

two fighter regiments and one fighter division headquarters are stationed in Grossenhain.

(2) The searchlights are reported for the first time.

(3) The eight planes are believed to be two alert formations of the two fighter regiments.

(4) There are no indications that large-scale personnel changes have occurred.

(5) A radar set was last seen on 1 August 1950, in the vicinity of the airfield. [redacted] The presence of a radar set on the Spittelberg is reported for the first time. The set probably belongs to the fighter division headquarters.

(6) The radio installation is a landing beacon. It was probably removed temporarily.

(7) The radio installation, probably an Adcock DF, was previously reported [redacted]

(8) The identity of the unit quartered in the glue factory is not known.

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